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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Stout, et al.

Group Art Unit: 3712

Serial No.: 09/838,129

Examiner: Kurt Fernstrom

Filed: April 20, 2001

For: A LATENT PROPERTY DIAGNOSING PROCEDURE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.

§1.136(a) to extend the time for a response to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2003 for an additional one (1) month from December 17, 2003 to January 17, 2004, which fell on a weekend and with the next business day (January 19, 2004) being a federal holiday, which brings the extension of time to January 20, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed. Additionally, any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

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